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Re: Application of Alain VANDERGHEYNST, Jean HEYLEN, Louis AERTS  
METHOD AND DEVICE FOR MANUFACTURING NON-CONTAMINATED  
MOX FUEL RODS  
Assignee: BELGONUCLEAIRE SA  
Our Ref: Q88632

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☒ an English translation of the International Application.
- ☒ 8 sheet(s) of drawings (Figs. 1, 2A-C, 3A-B, 4A-F).
- ☐ an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- ☐ an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- ☒ a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- ☒ an International Search Report.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR references.
- ☐ a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.
- ☒ **it is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f)**

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the references cited in the International Search Report, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.



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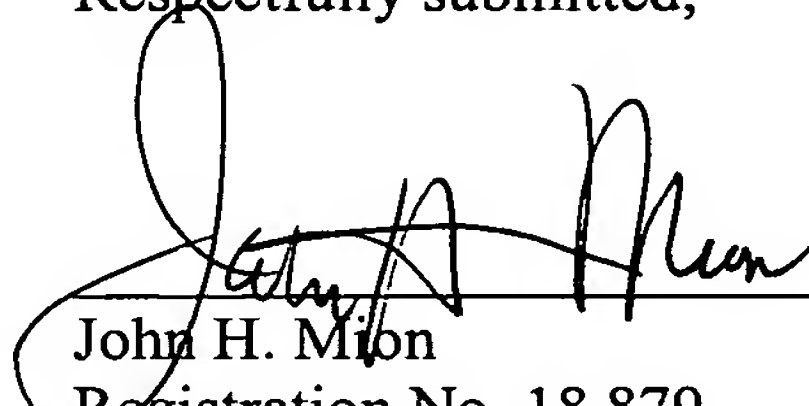
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There is no claim to priority.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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